

May 10, 2010

**TO:** Executive Board

**FROM:** Henry L. Gardner, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Renew Agreement with Michael J. Arnold and Associates, Legislative Advocate

Authorization is requested to renew ABAG's agreement with Michael J. Arnold and Associates to provide legislative representation in Sacramento. The agreement will not exceed \$60,000 for one year beginning July 1, 2010. Mr. Arnold provides invaluable assistance to the agency in shepherding legislation through the legislative process, and monitoring legislation that impacts the Agency, its members, and the region. He also provides early alerts regarding pending legislation that may have impacts on local government and the region. Mr. Arnold also assists in facilitating access to sometimes difficult to navigate state agencies. The agreement with Michael Arnold was initially entered into in 2001 and has been renewed annually.